In Nice, I met Mr. Simmonds, Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society and spent one afternoon with him during a bus tour. He invited me to read in the Royal Horticultural Society's Library, and when I landed in England, I found time to read there for two days, adding a few notes to my "Hibiscus History" file.

I learned that the R.H.S. Color Chart which we use in the A.H.S., is in low supply, but will be reprinted soon at a much higher figure. I suggest that anyone needing a copy, write for it now.

Among other well-known scientists, I met Dr. H. M. Berkhill, Director of the Singapore Botanic Garden. I have had correspondence with the garden in the past as they once did some work on Rosa Sinensis. Dr. Berkhill and I had some time together in England later on, and I gave him a supply of hibiscus seed. He agreed to establish a project at the garden, collaborating with me, through the Los Angeles County Arboretum. Incidentally, I am getting some seed of H. Cameronii and a few other true species through the Arboretum and will do some crossing with them."

Signed by Ross H. Gast

I feel sure that I speak for the entire membership, when I say that we of the American Hibiscus Society feel highly honored to have been so ably represented at the International Horticultural Congress by our good friend, Mr. Ross H. Gast, 6400 E. Washington Los Angeles, California.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Quite often a number of my plants have leaves that turn yellow and drop off, can you tell me what the cause might be?

A: Quite often leaves will turn yellow and drop from

natural growth of the plant in the spring to form new limbs and new growth. Also in some cases of sudden changes of temperature or heavy over-feeding of the plant.

Q: I have heard that the hibiscus plant will feed thru the leaves as well as the roots. What kind of spray should I use for this?

A: There are several known brands on the market at the present time and your feed and seed store can advise you on this. If he has none then here is one that will do very well. This is known as the iron, manganese and zinc nutritional spray. This is prepared by dissolving 2 ozs. each of iron sulphate, manganese sulphate and zinc sulphate in 2½ gallons of water. Then take 3 ozs. of finely ground hydrated lime, make into a paste with water and add to the solution stirring vigorously. This mixture should be used immediately after it is made.

Q: I want to try doing some grafting. What are some varieties best suited for this purpose as the root stock?

A: The most popular ones used at present are Single Scarlet, Painted Lady, Versicolor. If you have a plant that seems to be very hardy and a very good bloomer, why not try grafting onto it?

Q: Is it necessary to wax all cut surfaces when grafting?

A: Considerable success can be had with no protective wax or paint, if the plant is in a moist and shady place. For added insurance, some protection should be used. If only a few are being grafted, a lighted candle can be so held as to drip on desired area.

Q: When should hibiscus be grafted?

A: Commercial nurserymen try to have most of their grafts in by June and this seems to be a good rule. Late winter and early spring are the most satisfactory seasons, but good results can be had at any time.